

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously Presented) A laminate comprising:

(a) a first layer of a nonwoven fabric having a fire retardant additive applied thereto; and

(b) a second single layer containing a halogenated flame resistant polymeric film, wherein the film consists of one of polyvinyl chloride, polyvinyl bromide, and polyvinylidene chloride,

wherein the laminate passes NFPA 701-1989, has at least 12.0 lbs of grab tensile according to INDA IST 110.3-92, and has a Suter hydrostatic head of at least 50 cm.

Claims 2-5 (Canceled)

6. (Previously Presented) The laminate of claim 1, wherein the laminate has a thickness ranging from about 0.001 to about 0.5 inches.

7. (Previously Presented) The laminate of claim 1, wherein the first and second layers are joined together by an adhesive.

8. (Previously Presented) The laminate of claim 1, wherein the first and second layers are joined together by at least one of ultrasonic lamination, R.F. sealing, adhesive lamination, and heat bonding with pressure.

Claims 9-10 (Cancelled)

11. (Original) The laminate of claim 1, wherein the polymeric film has a thickness ranging from about 0.3 to about 8.0 mils.

12. (Previously Presented) The laminate of claim 1, wherein the fire retardant additive comprises at least one of ammonium polyphosphate, ammonium dihydrogen phosphate, urea polyammonium phosphate, antimony trioxide, sodium antimonate, zinc borate, a zirconium oxide, a molybdenum oxide, a zirconium sulfide, and a molybdenum sulfide.

13. (Previously Presented) The laminate of claim 1, wherein the fire retardant additive comprises at least one of a chlorinated paraffin, tetrabromobisphenol-A, decabromodiphenyl oxide, hexabromodiphenyl oxide, pentabromobiphenyl oxide, pentabromotoluene, pentabromoethylbenzene, hexabromobenzene, pentabromophenol, tribromophenol derivatives, perchloropentane cyclodecane, hexabromocyclodecane, tris(2,3-dibromopropyl-1)isocyanurate, tetrabromobisphenol-S, 1,2-bis(2,3,4,5,6-pentabromophenoxy)ethane, 1,2-bis(2,4,6-tribromophenoxy)ethane, a brominated styrene oligomer, 2,2-bis-(4(2,3-dibromopropyl)-3,5-dibromophenoxy)propane, tetrachlorophthalic anhydride, and tetrabromophthalic anhydride.

14. (Original) The laminate of claim 1, wherein the fire retardant additive is applied to the first layer at about 5 to about 45 percent by weight of the first layer.

Claim 15 (Canceled)

16. (Original) A protective garment formed of the laminate of claim 1.

Claims 17-23 (Canceled)

24. (Cancelled) The laminate of claim 1, further comprising:
a third layer of a polyethylene film.

25. (Previously Presented) A laminate comprising:
a first layer of a nonwoven fabric having a fire retardant additive applied thereto; and
a second layer of a halogenated polymeric film, wherein the laminate has a total thickness ranging from about 0.005 to about 0.05 inches.

26. (Previously Presented) The laminate of claim 25, wherein the laminate passes NFPA 701-1989, has at least 12.0 lbs of grab tensile according to INDA IST 110.3-92, and has a Suter hydrostatic head of at least 50 cm.

27. (Previously Presented) The laminate of claim 25, wherein the nonwoven fabric comprises cellulose fibers and manmade fibers.

28. (Previously Presented) The laminate of claim 25, wherein the nonwoven fabric has a weight ranging from 1.0 to 4.0 ounces per square yard.

29. (Previously Presented) The laminate of claim 25, wherein the halogenated polymeric film comprises polyvinyl chloride.

30. (Previously Presented) The laminate of claim 25, wherein the halogenated polymeric film has a weight ranging from 0.05 to 10.0 ounces per square yard.

31. (Previously Presented) The laminate of claim 25, further comprising a third layer of a polymeric film.

32. (Previously Presented) The laminate of claim 31, wherein the polymeric film of the third layer comprises a polymeric film dissimilar to the halogenated polymeric film of the second layer.

33. (Previously Presented) The laminate of claim 31, wherein the polymeric film of the third layer comprises ethylene vinyl alcohol.